

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod District Interview Report Master of Divinity and Certificate Applicants

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REPORT WITH APPLICANTS.***

Applicant's Legal Name _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Synodical District _____

Date of Interview _____

Interview Committee Chair _____

Chair's Telephone Number _____

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

By means of the District Interview, the Admissions Committee requests the following information about the applicant. Please use additional sheets as necessary.

In I Timothy 3:1-7, Paul describes the characteristics of those who should serve as an “overseer” in Christ’s church:

The say is trustworthy. If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. (2) Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, able to teach, (3) not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, nor a lover of money. (4) He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive. (5) for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s church? (6) He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. (7) Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

1. While the passage above may guide you in responding to many of the items below, are there any specific aspects of this applicant’s life that:
 - a. Serve as particularly positive examples of the characteristics listed in these verses? If so, please explain.

- b. Concern you when viewed through the lens of the characteristics listed in these verses? If so, please explain.
2. This applicant demonstrates and/or stats having the following strengths:
3. The Committee believes the applicant will face the following challenges at the Seminary and in pastoral ministry:
4. Can Committee members envision having this applicant serving as their pastor? Why or why not?
5. While observing and speaking with the applicant’s fiancée/wife (and family if present at the interview), what feelings, concerns, expectations do they have?
6. Does the Committee believe the applicant is “teachable?” Why or why not?
7. Does the Committee believe the applicant has the ability to form meaningful, pastoral relationships with other people? Why or why not?
8. Please assess the applicant’s ability for self-reflection. Can he realistically assess his own personal skills, personality style, self-understanding, and strengths, and identify his growth areas?
Please give examples or explain as necessary.
9. Please state specific comments the District Interview Committee would like the Admissions Committee to know if this applicant is considered for admission.

Please rate the applicant in the following areas using a 1-4 scale, with “1” being most negative and “4” being most positive (circle response for each):

The applicant is

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| 1. Teachable | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 2. Flexible | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 3. Personal | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 4. Creative | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

We, the members of the District Interview Committee

_____ recommend this applicant for admission

_____ do not recommend this applicant for admission

_____ recommend this applicant for admission with the following specific reservations

Signature of the Committee Chair _____

Seminary (ies) designated by applicant to receive this report:

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